In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Next, an IPS (In-Plane Switching) method that realizes a wider viewing angle will be described. For instance, Japanese Patent No. 53-4854~~53-48452~~ and Japanese Patent No. 1-120528 disclose methods in which an electric field in parallel with the substrates is generated in liquid crystal layers. As shown in FIG. 2A, according to this method, a pair of striped electrodes 21 and 22 are formed on a substrate 20 on one side, and the liquid crystal molecules located between the slit-like electrodes 21 and 22 are driven by a lateral electric field. The liquid crystal 23 is made of a material having positive dielectric anisotropy. When no electric field is applied, the liquid crystal molecules are homogeneously aligned in parallel with the longitudinal direction of the striped electrodes 21 and 22, as shown in the plan view of FIG. 2B (i.e., the liquid crystal molecules are homogeneously orientated at an angle of approximately 15 degrees, so that the ~~director directions~~direction of the liquid crystal molecules becomes~~become~~ uniform when a voltage is applied).--